

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-18 are pending in the present application. No amendments to the claims have been made herein. Thus, a listing of claim is not needed.

***Election/Restrictions***

In the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that claims 1-3, 9-11 and 16 are generic to compounds having an amino group. Pursuant to the Examiner's requirement to elect a single disclosed species of compound of amino group, Applicants make the following election, with traverse:

Compounds of claim 6 (Examples 1 to 5);

Chitosan trisaccharide.

The Examiner further asserts that claims 1, 8-11 and 17 are generic to different species of polyaminocarboxylic acids, and requires that Applicants elect a single disclosed species of polyaminocarboxylic acid. Pursuant to the Examiner's requirement to elect a single disclosed species of polyaminocarboxylic acid, Applicants make the following election, with traverse:

Compounds of claim 8 (Examples 1 to 6);

Diethylenetriamine-pentaacetic acid.

***Conclusion***

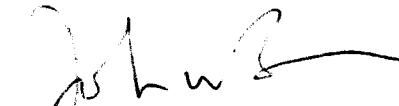
If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Eugene T. Perez (Reg. No. 48,501) at the offices of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP.

- Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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